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THE WEATHER

Location	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	15-22	15-22
Golan	15-27	15-22
Nahariya	18-29	18-30
Safed	15-25	15-29
Haifa Port	15-25	15-29
Tiberias	15-25	15-29
Nazareth	15-25	15-30
Afula	15-25	15-32
Sharon	15-25	15-28
Tel Aviv	15-25	15-28
Lod Airport	15-25	15-32
Jericho	20-36	21-37
Qana	20-36	20-30
Beersheba	21-37	21-33
Dimat	25-37	26-38
Tiran Straits	27-36	27-36

Social and Personal

Finance Minister V. Ringadoo of Mauritius yesterday called on Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

More than 2,000 guests attended the wedding at Kibbutz Giv'at Shimon last night of Shmuel Ezer and Yiftah Alon, the children of Zippora and Ya'acov Ezer and Ruth and Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon.

About 8,000 ex-fighters, family and friends of the Alexandroni Brigade, which took part in the War of Independence, held a reunion in Netanya last night as part of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations.

The Zimmerman Glass Blowing Workshop at the Technion was dedicated on Monday in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Zimmerman and family of Montreal. The workshop produces much of the intricate glass instrumentation required by the various Technion laboratories.

Mr. Shimon Avimor, Ambassador to Cambodia, will speak on "Daily Life in Cambodia Now" at a luncheon meeting today at the YMCA at 1 p.m. Wives are invited. Lion Angel and Said Elias will give "My job" talks at the Haifa Rotary Club, Appinger Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

A medical delegation from Panama called at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem yesterday, meeting acting Director-General Dr. Jack Karpas. Dr. Karpas also received Lyle A. Shanks, chief executive officer of the New Zealand Department of Health, and Daniel C. J. Pearce, chief executive of the Cato Hospital Board, Dunedin, N.Z.

DEPARTURES

The Mayor of Jericho, Shafik Ball, to Amman for financial talks with Jordanian Government officials (via Altheib Bridge).

TODAY'S POSTBAG

MIFAL HAPAYIS will spend \$4.5m. by the end of the current fiscal year in renovations and improvements of the schools and hospitals. The lottery organization has helped build in the past 22 years. It will also contribute \$11m. this year for school equipment.

HAIFA LABOUR Council Chairman Eliezer Molk was yesterday nominated by the district Labour Party branch to head the Alignment list in the coming elections to the Council.

COURT EMPLOYEES in the smaller towns yesterday declared a work dispute. The national committee claims that arbitrator Mordechai Ish-Shalom has not dealt with their demands for pay equal to the wages paid in Tel Aviv for nearly two months.

Tnuva's Jerusalem cheeses kosher

The Jerusalem Religious Council yesterday assured consumers that cheeses and other milk products made at the Capital's Tnuva dairies were 100 per cent kosher.

In a statement, the Council's kashrut committee said the rennet used in the manufacturing process was the kosher type and made at Tel Yosef, under rabbinical supervision. The Council also said it was satisfied with the sabbath observance situation at the dairy.

2,500 soldiers in Kinneret swim

Some 2,500 soldiers took part in the Defence Forces' annual Kinneret swim yesterday. The first swimmer to reach the shore at Zemar was Israel 100m. champion Dan Brenner, who swam the 2.5 kms. in 37 minutes. The Naval Commando won the team competition.

Former soccer 'czar,' Zvi Brim, dead at 54

Zvi Brim, onetime "czar" of Israeli soccer, died yesterday aged 54. He was manager of some of the best-ever national football teams and accompanied the squad that participated in the 1968 Mexico Olympics and the World Cup team in Mexico in 1970.

He rose to the heights of the local football administration, serving as vice-chairman of the Football Association for 15 years, and was also chairman of the Association's National Team Committee and chairman of its Players Fund. Then came the 1971 Etzioni inquiry into malpractices in Israeli football. He was one of the key figures investigated by the commission, and when it was over he withdrew from football, his name under a cloud.



Salaried drivers of Tel Aviv's Dan bus cooperative demonstrating at Histadrut headquarters yesterday against what they described as the Labour Federation's failure to keep its promise to them. (I.P.P.A.)

Dan drivers defy union, stay on strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The 160 striking hired drivers of the Dan bus cooperative yesterday flatly refused a request by the Tel Aviv Labour Council to return to work without any prior conditions. After leaving the Council, they went to the Histadrut Executive Building for a sit-down strike aimed at getting the Labour Federation to change its policy.

Secretary of the Labour Council Uri Alpert told the drivers that they were not only striking without the support of the Labour Council and the Histadrut, but in direct defiance of a request not to strike. He promised that as soon as they returned to work, the Labour Council would open discussions with Dan not only on their demands, but also on the demands of all the cooperative's hired workers, drivers and others.

The drivers only laughed when they were told the cooperative claimed that member-drivers took home a smaller pay check than the hired hands.

The effects of the strike became more apparent yesterday, especially during peak traffic hours, with packed buses running behind schedule.

Living standards climbing faster than prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Although prices have been soaring in the last two years, living standards are climbing even faster, according to figures worked out by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

During the first three months of 1973, private consumption was running, in real terms, at a level 15.7 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1972. This means an increase in consumption of 12 per cent per person — which is considerably higher than the figure predicted in the National Budget.

Scheduled increase was 8.4 per cent in 1973 (as compared with 1971), or five per cent per capita, and 12.5 per cent in 1973, or nine per cent per capita. This is a record figure in Israel's history.

Officials in the Bank of Israel are not sure whether the high rate of consumption in January-March will be maintained throughout the present year. Considerable purchases were made of durable goods, and particularly motor cars — in anticipation of tax and price increases.

Yet booming business is apparent in all sectors, including food consumption. There is no doubt that Israeli spenders are beating the index, statisticians say.

'Youth front' contests Tel Aviv elections

TEL AVIV. — The Hatz Youth Front for Tel Aviv wants to join the Municipal coalition after the elections "to counterbalance" the religious parties, a group of the Front's leaders told the press at a meeting here yesterday.

According to the speakers the Front was organized two months ago and so far has collected 2,000 signatures of supporters. (About 6,000 votes were needed for a seat in the Municipal Council in the last elections.)

The Front leaders acknowledged that they did not have a comprehensive programme to run the city, but they had clear ideas on what was wrong — mainly political interference in administrative affairs.

Committee to study 'Zionist ideology'

The Zionist General Council on Monday night approved the establishment of a committee on ideology. The committee will be made up of 21 members representing all streams of thought in the Zionist movement. It will be entrusted with the task of formulating Zionist principles and defining Zionist obligations and ways of carrying them out. Local committee will be set up in the diaspora.

T.A. FIREMEN INTENSIFY STRIKE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The city's firemen have escalated their sanctions against the city in their struggle to win higher pay. They have announced that they will limit operations in a way that may affect fire-fighting efforts and rescue activities.

The Tel Aviv firemen are organized in a separate union and their strike is separate from that of the 600 firemen around the country. They have been on partial strike for a week.

Yesterday they announced they will operate no more than two fire trucks and instruct the drivers not to pass through red lights on their way to a fire. In addition, they threaten they will not use "special equipment," such as a hydraulic ladder, even in cases of emergency.

Thus far the firemen have limited their sanctions to the refusal to attend to administrative and maintenance duties, as their colleagues in the national union have done.

The Municipality has branded the strike as "wholly unjustified." The Municipal spokesman explained that the firemen are paid according to a wage agreement signed only last month.

The present strike action does not have the backing of the Labour Council or the Municipal employees' organization.

Likud comes to terms on Histadrut list

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Likud, the centrist united bloc, will contest the Histadrut elections with Gahal occupying the first four places on the candidates list, the State List the fifth and the Free Centre sixth respectively. This ratio will hold for the entire Likud slate.

This line-up was finally agreed upon yesterday after days of quibbling. The negotiating committee opened with Ariel Sharon for Gahal offering the two smaller partners seventh and eighth places, which they rejected, as they had a previous offer of ninth and tenth places. However, after prolonged wrangling, the five-six offer was made and accepted by the two smaller parties with the Gahal delegation divided.

The majority of the Gahal members accepted — Mr. Sharon, Simha Erlich and Aryeh Dulev for the Liberals and Benjamin Halevi for Herut. But Haim Landau of Herut disagreed, fearing that such a decision might serve as a precedent for the Knesset list. It was later learned that Herut chairman Menachem Begin advised Mr. Landau to back down.

In other areas there was little progress, due mainly to delaying tactics of Free Centre's Shmuel Tamir, who argued that his party would only conclude its internal discussions by Thursday. This evoked some grumbling that he had promised to finalize matters by yesterday.

The Gahal proposition for an executive for Likud composed of eight for Gahal (four each for Liberals and Herut) plus two apiece for the State List and the Free Centre and another one for the Land of Israel Movement was thus held in abeyance. The same applied in the municipal affairs committee where composition of the municipal lists is being delayed not only by the Free Centre but also by Herut reluctance to close the matter before agreement is reached in other areas.

A tough day of negotiations lies ahead today, when the platform committee takes up electoral reform and direct mayoral elections.

Leftists score Mapam kibbutzim for barring them

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The two newly-formed leftist lists have opened a protest campaign against the decision by the Kibbutz Artzi federation (Hachomer Batzair) to seal off its kibbutzim to all but Mapam campaigning.

The Kibbutz Artzi Central Committee made the ruling at a meeting here this weekend. It also came out for another term for Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, and called on each of its kibbutzim to provide Mapam with a certain quota of election workers.

Both lists — Meri (Hachomer Batzair-New Left) and Moked (Communist-New Left) — have protested that the Kibbutz Artzi is afraid of the inroads they have made among kibbutz youth. Meri chairman Uri Avneri yesterday charged the Kibbutz Artzi and Mapam with reverting to their "worst Stalinist period."

Maki secretary Shmuel Mikunis, in a statement attacking Mapam, said: "We are fighting your battles while Mapam loses its independence inside the Alignment."

Pre-dawn pact ends teachers' strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's striking high school teachers, principals and inspectors returned to work yesterday morning after a late-night tentative pay agreement was reached between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and representatives of the two teachers' unions. This seems to assure that the new school year will open on September 2 without disruption.

The strike really involved only the inspectors, as the other members of the union are on vacation at the moment.

The agreement was reached after several hours of intensive negotiations, which began on Monday night and concluded at 2 a.m. yesterday. It provides a \$100 a month rise in basic pay for high school teachers with masters degrees and four years of experience. The rise would go up with each additional year of experience to maximum of \$166 a month. Teachers with less than four years experience will not benefit at all from the agreement.

The compromise reached last night is almost identical with the one Mr. Sapir proposed last month and then backed away from. His change of mind furnished the only text for the Secondary School Teachers Association to declare a labour dispute, and for the subsequent strike which kept 480 teachers, principals and inspectors away from their jobs last Sunday and Monday.

The teachers had originally demanded their pay be brought in line with that of engineers, as the pay-scales are linked. This would have meant a \$145 monthly rise for high school teachers with masters degrees and four years of experience. The raises will not be paid until March 1974.

The agreement, however, has not resolved all differences between the sides. The teachers say that since the rise comes "to correct an injustice which has existed for some time" it should not be considered part of the agreement for the 1974-75 period but as part of the present agreement.

The Finance Minister, however, sees the agreement as binding for the coming two years.

Another bone of contention involves the emoluments paid to principals and inspectors. The teachers unions want these raised as well, but Minister Sapir voiced sharp disagreement. He is said to have accused the teachers of "holding the whole country to ransom" and to have told them that they can either take the agreement as is "or leave it."

Nevertheless, another meeting between him and the teachers' representatives has been scheduled for next Sunday to iron out the remaining differences.

Yesterday's agreement was to a large degree forced by the Histadrut's Teachers Union. The latter refused to join the Secondary School Teachers Association strike, but in effect served Mr. Sapir with an ultimatum that they would call on their members to boycott classes if he did not reach an agreement with them by week's end on the basis of his proposals of last month.

As most of the members of the Histadrut union teach in the elementary schools and kindergartens, a strike by them would have affected the whole economy by keeping working mothers at home to look after their young children.

Mr. Sapir said yesterday he does not know why the teachers went on strike in the first place. The greater part of the new benefits they won would go to the income tax authorities anyway, he promised them, "making the whole affair hardly worth while."

He estimated the higher salaries would cost the Government an additional \$15m. each month, but assured reporters that at least half the sum would return to the Treasury's coffers via taxation.

Two days' pay will be deducted from the two days on which the inspectors stayed away from work. The penalty will not be applied to the principals, as they are officially on vacation.



FACE-LIFTING. — The view yesterday in Suk al-Qattanin (the Cotton Merchants' Market) in the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, where a thorough repair and rehabilitation operation got under way this week. The Market had been used as a stable and rubbish dump since before the Six Day War. Its owners, the Waqf (Moslem Religious Trust), have been renovating a number of their properties in the Old City, and plan to rent out the stalls when the job is completed. (Sunday)

JAILS 2 ISRAELIS

LONDON (AP). — Two young Israelis were sentenced to 14 days jail each yesterday for stealing clothes from a London store. The sentence was the latest in a crackdown by London courts on shoplifters from overseas.

The couple convicted were Miss Pina Senator, 19, a student, and Aharon Algrassy, 22, a mechanic. They pleaded guilty to stealing an anorak, a ski suit and a hat worth together \$9.25 from Marks and Spencer.

Prosecutor James Bullen said Algrassy had \$140 in currency and travellers' checks when arrested. Miss Senator said: "I want these suit for my nephews. I have two but can only afford one or I can't eat."

The couple, on a group vacation, were due to leave for Rome in two days to catch their return flight to Israel.

London magistrates warned last week they would impose severe sentences on anyone found guilty of stealing goods in stores and who had ample money to pay.

Another Israeli, Miss Lea Czarka, 27, was ordered held for a week so that a legal representative could be found for her. Miss Czarka was charged with stealing goods worth \$9.28 from Marks and Spencer. The court was told she had \$440 on her at the time of her arrest.

The hearing was attended by about 500 Jews.

Haifa lawyer ordered held until trial

Dr. Israel Yehuda, the Haifa attorney who returned from a 22-month absence abroad to face charges of embezzling his client's money, was yesterday ordered to remain in custody until the end of his trial. The order was given by Supreme Court Justice Alfred Wilkon, in an appeal by the State Attorney's office against the Haifa District Court decision last week to free Yehuda on \$250,000 bail.

The State Attorney's representative, Miriam Berenstein, argued that the lower court had underestimated the gravity of the charges and that Yehuda was liable to leave the country again if freed from detention. The 40-year-old lawyer, who is charged with stealing \$123,000 belonging to various clients, represented himself in the hearing. He claimed that he could not prepare a proper defence if held in detention. He said he had been robbed of his clients' money in Tel Aviv before his flight to London, where he had gone to exchange it for foreign currency. He denied "fleeing" the country, saying he had made arrangements with friends to pay back at least part of the losses.

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U.N. associations against terror

The World Federation of U.N. Associations unanimously adopted an anti-terror resolution at its meeting in Geneva on Monday night.

Prof. Benjamin Ahtan, chairman of the Israel association reported on his return to Israel yesterday morning that the federation includes members from 44 countries, among them Egypt, Iraq and Sudan. (I.H.W.)

Two killed in Chile rioting

SANTIAGO (AP). — Volleys of gunfire rang out in downtown Santiago in clashes between leftists and anti-Marxists yesterday as a nationwide strike hit many sectors of Chile's economy.

A police source said two persons were killed and six persons wounded as fighting around the National Congress building spilled into the nearby tree-lined Plaza de Armas. Witnesses said shots came from the tops of office buildings in the neighbourhood.

The violence began when members of the rightist National Party gathered outside the Congress to show their support for wives of striking truckers. The women have been camping out in the building's halls for the last week. (Early story — page 4)

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Dr. Selimar Berlowitz

after a long illness.

Haifa, Aug. 22, 1973 The Bereaved Family

The funeral will leave, today, Wednesday, at 2 p.m., from the Rambam Hospital, Haifa, for the Kfar Samir Cemetery.

We extend our deep felt sympathy to the family on the sudden passing of

Dr. K. MENDELSON

Maritime Fruit Carriers Co. Ltd.

The Management Council, Executive, and staff of

ARKIA

Israel Inland Airlines Ltd.

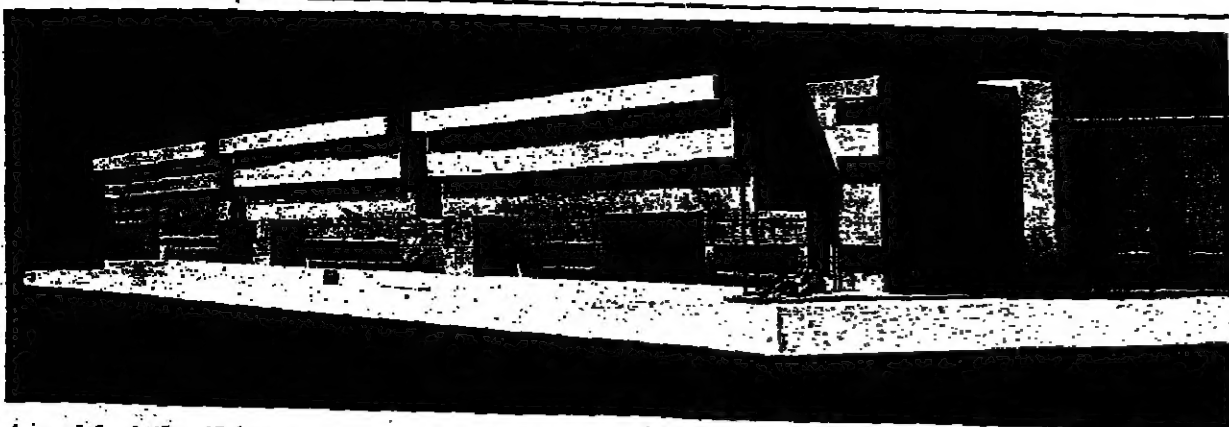
are stunned by the sudden death of

YOSEF BEHAR

Member of the Management Council of the Company.

Sincere sympathies to the family and the Ministry of Transport

Doctor & Mrs. Philippe WILLIAM and family are proud to announce that their son
Yous
will lay his first tefillin
Thursday, August 23, at 10 a.m. at the Western Wall.



A model of the 18,000 sq.m. cargo terminal in Lod, to be built in 12 months using industrialized construction methods.

KOOR METALS GOES INTO 'TAILOR-MADE' BUILDING

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

A new company called Con-Koor has been created by the Histadrut-owned Koor Metals to handle contracts for "tailor-made" projects in the field of industrialized construction.

Benjamin Leshem, head of Koor Metals' Projects Division, says "we use a metal frame to build large construction projects, like factories, aircraft hangars, hospitals, hotels and in-rise flats. We started by erecting one-storey factories, in co-operation with the Butler Corporation of Kansas City."

"Their walls are a 'sandwich' of aluminum and polyurethane. 'Till now we imported these elements, but next year we shall start making them ourselves. The frame is built in Hamat, the wall system in Agat, both Koor enterprises," he says.

The structure is speed. An 18-storey block of flats, with 11,370 square metres of floor space, is due to go up (hopefully) in 20 months in Neve

Sha'an in Haifa. A cargo terminal in Lod, with 12,000 square metres of storage area and 6,000 square metres of offices, will take 12 months. The skeleton of the proposed Eisenberg Hospital in Jaffa (23,000 square metres of floor space) is to be completed in 14 months, at a cost of IL2m.

The hospital will contain a large hall without any concrete pillars, which is the kind of challenge that Con-Koor and Koor Metals are set to handle.

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Industrialized building is no cheaper or faster than conventional building, but it saves time, so less capital is needed. A hotel completed in half the time can start taking in guests and earning income earlier. A group of immigrant doctors want to invest in a clinic — provided it can be completed in twelve months. This is the kind of challenge that Con-Koor and Koor Metals are set to handle.

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we want to improve their looks. It's not a question of money."

The company's turnover will run this year to IL23m. With a staff of only 200 the company, run on a part-time basis, is regarded as one of Israel's most efficient public housing companies. It uses no Government money for its operations. Last year it made a IL10m. profit before taxes.

It now plans to build 500 homes throughout the country for rent, subsidised by itself and the Government, Mr. Cahane said.

18 manufacturers show at Izmir Trade Fair

A group of 18 Israeli manufacturers are participating in the Izmir International Trade Fair, which opened on Monday.

Several of the exhibitors are producers of manufacturing supplies and equipment who are attempting to sell to the rapidly developing market in Turkey.

A 12-man Turkish trade delegation visited this country last June, and expressed interest in purchasing chemicals, plastic goods and metal products.

A group of 12 firms interested in trade with Greece will take part in the Thessaloniki International Trade Fair, which starts September 2. In November, Israel will be represented in "Kenis-73," the International Hotel Equipment and Supply Show, in Athens, and early next year a special exhibition of Israeli-made automotive parts will be held in Athens.

Gem polisher fights off lunch thief

PETAH TIKVA. — A local diamond-polisher put up a spirited resistance to fight off an armed robber who tried to snatch a bag from him at the entrance of his home here on Monday night. The bag contained only the remains of his lunch.

Moshe Susani, 30, was returning home after work when he was attacked by a man armed with a pistol. When Mr. Susani refused to hand over his bag the robber punched him in the head. Although slightly dazed Mr. Susani fought his assailant off.

The hold-up man had used a stolen car. During the night, three suspects were arrested. (Nim)

More look for work in July

The number of persons seeking jobs through the Government labour exchanges increased significantly in the month of July, but so did the supply of jobs, according to a Labour Ministry spokesman.

In June, 25,099 persons applied for jobs, in July, 32,852, including 20,225 new in the same period. 750 seamen, 2,800 professionals, 2,519 students and 1,024 domestic workers.

The spokesman said this increase was greater than expected, even taking into account the normal seasonal rise in job demands. The statistics do not include high school pupils.

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Option sought to buy C & P

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Chemicals and Phosphates, the chemicals complex in Haifa, may be sold by the Government to Israel Investors Corporation, the company headed by Mr. Sam Rothberg of Peoria, Illinois.

According to informed sources, IIC has asked Minister of Development Haim Gvati for an option to buy. If he agrees, the company will appoint a committee to examine the deal.

Should the sale come off, it will be the fulfilment of an old vision — because IIC was originally founded in order to buy C & P. (then called Fertilisers and Chemicals). The transaction did not come off, owing to difficulties following on the devaluation of 1968.

It is said that the book value of C & P is IL20m, though its present asset value is considerably greater. IIC has paid-up capital of \$32m, which makes it a serious customer.

A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL for medical and industrial chemists will be set up in Ramat Gan. The school, which will provide a four-year programme, is a joint project of the Ministry of Education, the Israel Education Fund, the Ramat Gan Municipality and donors from the U.S.

TEL AVIV. — Rumanian Ambassador Yovan Covaci said on Monday that over 10,000 Israeli tourists are expected to visit his country this year.

Mr. Covaci was speaking to reporters at the Embassy here on Monday, on the eve of the anniversary of the 1944 revolt which led to the present Rumanian Popular Democratic Republic. Rumania celebrates the day tomorrow.

The Rumanian Ambassador said the Israeli tourists would outnumber the Rumanians visiting Israel, mainly because of Rumanians' more limited economic possibilities. On the other hand, Rumania was selling more to Israel — \$27m. worth of goods in the past year — than was Israel to Rumania. Mr. Covaci did not give the figure for Israeli sales to Rumania.

On political matters, he said that relations between Rumania and Israel have "developed normally," though Rumania still insists Israel should withdraw to the pre-1967 lines. He said there was "no new development" on the invitation to visit Israel which Prime Minister Meir extended to Rumanian Prime Minister Mause during her visit to Rumania last year.

Israeli tourism to Rumania also came to something over 10,000 in 1972.

TEL AVIV. — President Katsir visiting the Waknin family of Beit Shemesh, whose latest child (centre, in mother's arms) has been named Aharon Katsir Waknin — after the President's brother, who was killed in last year's Lod Airport massacre. The baby is the family's 17th child. President Katsir was in the development town on a Housing Ministry tour. Mr. Waknin works for Mekorot. (Photo Enka)

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rumanian Ambassador Yovan Covaci said on Monday that over 10,000 Israeli tourists are expected to visit his country this year.

Mr. Covaci was speaking to reporters at the Embassy here on Monday, on the eve of the anniversary of the 1944 revolt which led to the present Rumanian Popular Democratic Republic. Rumania celebrates the day tomorrow.

The Rumanian Ambassador said the Israeli tourists would outnumber the Rumanians visiting Israel, mainly because of Rumanians' more limited economic possibilities. On the other hand, Rumania was selling more to Israel — \$27m. worth of goods in the past year — than was Israel to Rumania. Mr. Covaci did not give the figure for Israeli sales to Rumania.

On political matters, he said that relations between Rumania and Israel have "developed normally," though Rumania still insists Israel should withdraw to the pre-1967 lines. He said there was "no new development" on the invitation to visit Israel which Prime Minister Meir extended to Rumanian Prime Minister Mause during her visit to Rumania last year.

Israeli tourism to Rumania also came to something over 10,000 in 1972.

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Foreign Minister of Switzerland due September 9

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

The Swiss Foreign Minister, Pierre Graber, will arrive in Israel for a three-day official visit on September 9.

The Foreign Ministers of Switzerland and Israel have never yet visited each other's countries officially.

Mr. Graber will spend two days in Jerusalem and one day in Tel Aviv. He will do virtually no sight-seeing, mainly because of the brevity of his visit, but will spend some time in the Old City of Jerusalem in a private capacity.

Mr. Graber was born seven years ago, when he attended the opening of the Knesset building in his capacity as Speaker of the Swiss Federal Parliament. Coming with him will be the senior Swiss diplomat, Mr. Ernesto Thalman, who visited Jerusalem in August-September 1968 as U.N. Secretary-General's special envoy on Jerusalem.

At the meeting, which was also attended by Tel Aviv District Police Commander David Ofer, the residents' delegation also demanded a community youth centre.

Mayor Gottlieb promised he would try to meet all their demands, on condition they hold no more demonstrations. (Nim)

TRANSPORT Ministry official, Behar, dies at 60

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef Behar, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Transport, died suddenly of a heart attack in Jerusalem yesterday morning at the age of 60.

A native of Safed, Yosef Behar was a third generation Israeli and son of a former Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Safed. In 1948, he commanded one of the Hagannah units that secured the city.

Behar took his first post with the Transport Ministry in 1950, a year after he joined the civil service. He worked his way up through the Ministry ranks, serving as chief of administrative operations, adviser on transport services development in the administered areas, manager of Lod Airport and, eventually, Deputy Director-General.

Burial took place in Jerusalem's Har Hazeitun cemetery yesterday afternoon, with Transport Minister Shimon Peres delivering the main eulogy. Behar is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

THE FIRST party to register for the forthcoming Histadrut elections was the Yemini List headed by Dr. Yemini Ben Hur. The deadline for submitting party lists is midnight tonight.

IRVING BLUM, Welfare Funds executive, at 58

BALTIMORE, Maryland. — Irving Blum, who recently resigned as President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds due to ill health, died last week at 58. One of the initiators of the CJFVF's new Institute for Jewish Life, Blum served on many Jewish and general civic bodies.

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Newspapers in search of newsprint

LOD AIRPORT. — A three-man delegation of the Daily Newspapers Association left for Europe yesterday to look for adequate supplies of newsprint for next year.

Local newspapers have been battling for regular sources of supply in the face of a world-wide shortage. Issues have been reduced in size and cream-coloured newsprint imported from Turkey is being used.

Mr. S. Blumelhart, one of the members of the delegation, said before leaving that several European suppliers have cancelled contracts and the delegation would attempt to obtain assurances that certain quantities would be supplied even though prices could not be fixed at present. "Prices have more than doubled recently," he said.

He added that current reserves in Israel were sufficient until the end of the year, but any unforeseen difficulties could lead to even worse shortages. (Nim)

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Man sought for threat on Nixon shoots at agents and escapes

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (UPI). — A man identified as an ex-policeman accused of threatening President Nixon's life fired three shots at federal agents trying to arrest him in New Mexico, the Secret Service said. The man escaped, they said.

But the Secret Service immediately announced that the ex-policeman, Edwin Michael Gaudet, 30, was not connected with the alleged plot to assassinate the President which grabbed headlines around the world on Monday. And a New Orleans police official admitted that police may have overreacted to reports of the alleged plot.

The Secret Service said Monday it had uncovered a plot to assassinate Nixon during the President's stopover here to speak to the convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars. A federal warrant was issued for Gaudet's arrest charging him with threatening the life of the President, they said. But the charge was unrelated to the "plot" on Nixon's life. Acting on a tip from Gaudet's



EDWIN M. GAUDET

father and other information, two federal agents went to a commune Monday in northern New Mexico near Arroyo Hondo. They question-

ed Gaudet, who broke away, grabbed a rifle and fired three shots at pursuing officers before escaping. "We're going out again for him," the Taos County sheriff said. As the search went on for Gaudet, officers and news cameramen entering one dugout commune residence roused a young man struggling for his pants as television cameras whirled. A woman's voice from inside the dwelling called out, "Put on your pants, you're on television."

Gaudet allegedly threatened Nixon in a New Orleans tavern last week. Witnesses heard him say, "Somebody ought to kill President Nixon. If no one has the guts, I'll do it." The Secret Service, which made the public announcement of a possible assassination conspiracy against Nixon during Monday's visit, cancelled Nixon's motorcade through downtown New Orleans.

"For approximately a week, we have been working on an attempt to assassinate the President," New Orleans Police Superintendent Clarence M. Giarrusso said. "As of this moment, we do not have what we would regard as sufficient evidence (of a conspiracy)."

Sgt. Frank Hayward of the Police Department's information office said later, "I think we've blown this thing up out of proportion. We may have overreacted."

Jack Warner, a Secret Service spokesman in Washington, acknowledged agents tried and failed to arrest Gaudet in New Mexico on a warrant charging him with threatening the life of the President, but he said there is "no reason to believe there is any connection" between Gaudet and the conspiracy to assassinate Nixon in New Orleans.

"I think the minute the President said he was coming to New Orleans, we had to be concerned about a possible conspiracy," Sgt. Hayward said. "That's normal procedure. That's why we take all these elaborate security precautions. But when we start talking specifically about individuals without evidence to link them to a conspiracy, then I think we're doing these individuals an injustice."

Hussein makes minor changes in government

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Jordan's King Hussein yesterday announced a minor government reshuffle, naming two new ministers to the cabinet of Premier Zaid Rifai. These were Zuhair al-Hindawi, appointed Minister of State for Prime Ministerial Affairs, and Marwan Doukhi, Minister of Information. The latter replaced Adnan Abu Odeh, who will be in charge of the royal court.

Other appointments included that of Hussein's father-in-law, Baha Eddin Toukan, as minister at the royal court, and former Chief of Staff Amer Khammash, as a special political adviser to the King.

Yesterday Hussein also named a new 30-man Council of Notables (Upper House). Half are Jordanians and half Palestinians, including four West Bank residents.

Yesterday's appointments are not thought to have any political significance.



Alexandros Panagoulis, convicted of plotting to assassinate Greek President George Papadopoulos, is embraced by his mother after his release yesterday from military prison. (AP radiophoto)

Greek political prisoners freed

ATHENS. — Alexandros Panagoulis, one of Greece's best known political prisoners, walked out of jail yesterday into his crying mother's arms. He said he did not regret trying to kill President George Papadopoulos, whose general amnesty set him free, along with some 350 other political prisoners.

The 35-year-old former army private—sentenced to death in November, 1968 for his part in a plot to assassinate Mr. Papadopoulos, who was then the Prime Minister—walked out from Boyali prison outside Athens and smiled as he embraced his mother.

Mrs. Athina Panagoulis, 62, had been waiting outside the prison gates for hours for her son.

Shining in the sunshine, Panagoulis was trembling as he walked through the gates. He held a small suitcase with his belongings and was in shirt sleeves.

"Inside the prison I continued my fight against the regime in my own way. I kept insulting my wardens and if you go into my cell, you will see slogans on the wall written with my blood," he said.

Panagoulis had been kept in a small cell, built for him after two abortive escape attempts.

"I lived for years in a roomy tomb," he told reporters outside the prison.

Panagoulis, a former student of Athens Polytechnic, was sentenced to death on charges of desertion and attempted assassination.

During his trial before a military tribunal, he pleaded guilty to the charges and admitted setting off a time-bomb which exploded on August 13, 1968, on a coastal road, seconds after the Prime Minister's car had passed.

Mr. Papadopoulos was unhurt, and Panagoulis' sentence was not carried out because of international pressure.

Among others to be released yesterday were Evangelos Averoff-Tossatas, former Foreign Minister; Professors John Parnazoglou and Dyonisios Karageorgas and 60 royalist navy and air force officers arrested in May for plotting to overthrow the regime and restore King Constantine to his throne.

The general amnesty was granted by Papadopoulos on Sunday after he was sworn in as President. It leaves Greek prisons empty of political offenders. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Cairo links hashish haul to 'Israeli smugglers'

CAIRO (AP). — The Egyptian press reported yesterday that coast guards on the western coast of Mersa Matruh confiscated a half ton of hashish found inside tires at sea off the coast and attributed the find to an Israeli smuggling attempt.

The newspaper "Al-Ahram," giving no date, said tires filled with hashish were thrown into the sea from a launch spotted approaching the coast, 73 kms. west of Matruh.

The guards fired at the launch and one person was killed, the Cairo press reported. The boat managed to flee and left behind the body of a smuggler who worked in cooperation with the Egyptian authorities. "The Egyptian authorities believe it was a smuggling attempt carried out by an Israeli launch."

The paper's account said the confiscated hashish carried the brands of "Snake" and "Rocket" and coast guard patrols were still searching for more in the sea.

"Al-Ahram" linked the incident to an announcement made by the Israeli command last Tuesday saying it seized a Lebanese trawler with two tons of hashish on board inside its territorial waters off the Israeli coast.

Israel said the trawler was sailing back from Mersa Matruh to Beirut with a crew of three Egyptians and one Lebanese, after failing to unload the drugs. It had been hired in Beirut by an Egyptian drug dealer and left behind the body of a smuggler who worked in cooperation with the Egyptian authorities.

"Al-Ahram" said yesterday Israel announced the seizure of the boat because "it feared the missing smuggler might be captured and would provide evidence incriminating her."

Soviet Jewish emigration down 7%

WASHINGTON (INA). — Soviet Jewish emigration for the first seven months of this year is about seven per cent less than in the corresponding period in 1972, INA learned yesterday from an American source. Through July of this year the emigration totalled 16,469 as compared with 17,659 last year.

Most of the drop took place during June, when Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev was visiting the U.S. The June total was 1,992, over 1,000 fewer than in June 1972 when it was 3,070.

Yugoslav police foil hijacking

LJUBLJANA (AP). — Yugoslav police arrested three armed young men Monday and charged them with the intention of hijacking a passenger plane at an airport near here. The trio was accused of plotting to collect five ransom for the passengers and then fly with the plane abroad. The men, ranging from 19 to 24 years old, were armed with automatic weapons which they obtained in a burglary earlier this month, according to police.

Authorities said the hijacking of airplanes abroad has led Yugoslav police to undertake a series of undisclosed measures to prevent sky piracy.

Major alert after attack on U.S. base in Germany

BITBURG, West Germany (Reuters). — The U.S. Air Force disclosed yesterday that unidentified gunmen opened fire on a United States Air Force (USAF) counter-nuclear-attack aircraft crew here last Friday and that a major alert has been declared at the strategic base.

A spokesman said a special office had been set up to investigate the shooting when an F-4 Phantom crew, permanently on "victor alert" in case of nuclear war, came under fire in a heavily-guarded bunker.

U.S. Air Force sources said the attack, during which gunmen fired eight shots at the aircraft from outside the "victor alert" compound, had provoked a full alert both here and at other USAF bases in Europe. The USAF spokesman denied, however, that a coded message had been sent out throughout Europe warning other bases of possible terrorist attacks, the sources said.

Strict security was in force at the base today. The spokesman said

there were no injuries in the attack and USAF security police fired eight shots at the attackers.

The Bitburg base in the rolling Eifel Hills near the border of Luxembourg is regarded as a major strategic centre. The sources said pilots were on permanent alert for sorties both towards Communist Eastern Europe and the Middle East. A USAF spokesman said the P-4 crews were on a permanent five-minute alert in a bunker surrounded by sentry posts and security fences.

Sentries also protected combat-ready aircraft on the nearby runway, the spokesman said. He would not confirm or deny a claim by sources that nuclear warheads were stored in the "victor alert" compound.

The Bitburg base — part of NATO's air defences — is the largest in West Germany, the spokesman said.

English police almost assigned midwife duty

LUTON, England (UPI). — Police men Barry Fuller and Sidney Anger raced along the M1 motorway on Monday in answer to an emergency call they thought was a crash, and nearly found themselves motorway midwives to a girl hitch-hiker.

Mrs. Ruth Trickett, 22, had set out from her home in Oldham, Lancashire, to hitch-hike 320 kms. to be by her husband's side when he appeared in court at Fareham, southern England.

But six kilometres north of Luton, Ruth's labour pains started, and she dialled a call for help on a motorway emergency telephone.

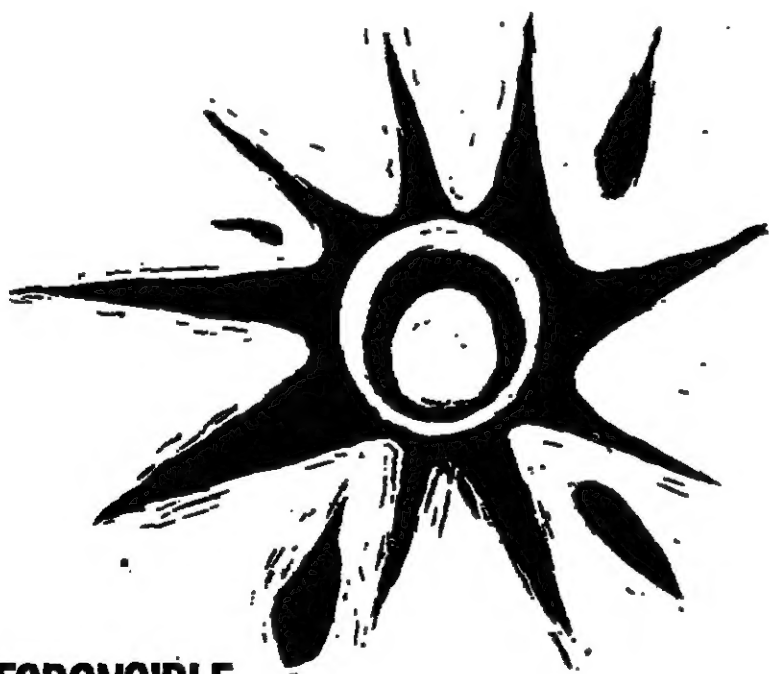
To the relief of Fuller and Anger, an ambulance arrived before the baby. Luton Hospital reported mother and daughter quite satisfactory.

'Little substance behind fears of U.S. oil firms'

NEW YORK (INA). — There is little substance behind fears being propagated by American oil companies about a possible reduction of oil supplies from the Middle East, the "Wall Street Journal" said yesterday.

However difficult the oil companies may find it to bargain with the Arabs, the oil situation has little to do with the Arab-Israeli conflict, the financial paper said in an editorial.

"Rhetoric about Israel, in fact, often seems to be a 'figleaf' as one Middle East bureau chief put it, for more pressing economic objectives," the paper said. "Saudi reluctance to increase oil production has its real origin in problems of absorbing oil revenues in a near-feudal economy. While Saudi Arabs may suffer pressure from more militant Arab lands, the militants themselves have their own economic interests."



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1. SHORTENED ACCOUNTS OF THE HEAD OFFICE ABROAD					
SHORTENED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1971 AND 1972					
	1971	1972		1971	1972
Investments	IL 8,483,967	IL 9,382,629	Capital, Funds and Balances	IL 697,242	IL 727,567
Fixed Assets	86,529	92,313	Life Insurance Reserves	7,199,729	8,070,626
Other Assets	247,529	309,267	Reserves for unrealized risks in General Insurance	5,421	6,421
			Pending Claims	72,971	66,983
			Other Liabilities	842,682	912,713
	IL 8,818,025	IL 9,784,209		IL 8,818,025	IL 9,784,209

DETAILS ON INSURANCE BUSINESS AND ON PROFITS FOR THE YEARS 1971 AND 1972

	1971	1972
Life Insurance Premiums	IL 831,587	IL 1,135,521
General Insurance Premiums	3,552	5,475
Profits (losses) in Life Insurance	10,897	20,167
Profits (losses) in General Insurance	454	(—) 508
Income from investments net of expenses not set off against business account	281	667
Business Profit (before allocation)	11,632	30,326

NOTE: The assets and liabilities of the Company at December 31, 1971 have been increased by IL1,771,335,000 to reflect (1) the increase in assets and liabilities of IL1,991,167,000 due to a change in the rate at which Israeli Pounds are translated into Canadian Dollars (i.e. from IL1 = Can. \$0.31 to IL1 = Can. \$0.34) and (2) the transfer, effective January 1, 1972, of the life insurance business of the Company in South Africa to Liberty Life Association of Africa, Limited in consideration for common shares in that Company. This results in the assets and liabilities each being reduced by IL219,832,000.

2. DETAILS ON BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEARS 1971 AND 1972

	1971	1972
Premiums and policy fees for Life Insurance	IL 9,497	IL 6,640
Premiums and policy fees for General Insurance	0	0
Profit (loss) Life Insurance	2,636	4,312
Profit (loss) General Insurance	0	0
Income from investments net of expenses not set off against business account	3,658	3,669
Business Profit (Loss)	2,636	4,312

	1971	1972
Liabilities in Israel	IL 28,391	IL 26,430
Recognized Investments in Israel	31,613	34,022
Excess or Deficit in Investments in Israel	(+) 3,222	(+) 7,592

DETAILED AND COMPLETE ACCOUNTS WITH EXPLANATIONS AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICES AT: MKGADAL SEALOM, TEL AVIV.

LAOS SWIFTLY EXECUTES LEADERS OF FOILED COUP

VIENTIANE, Laos. — A wave of summary executions yesterday followed swiftly in the wake of an abortive right-wing revolt against the Laotian government.

Defence Minister Sisouk Na Cham-pasak announced that many rebels captured in Monday's unsuccessful coup already had been shot and the rest would be "executed without trial" when interrogation was completed. The minister claimed the government was "in full control of the situation without any advice or assistance from the United States."

Sisouk told a news conference about 20 plotters so far have been arrested and the rest are being hunted down. He confirmed the death of Thao Ma, former Air Force

commander who had lived in exile in Thailand since the failure of a similar revolt in 1968. Thao Ma led the revolt with a force of 100 from Thailand.

He died from injuries suffered when his T28 fighter-bomber was hit by ground fire and crashed short of the Vientiane airport runway, said Sisouk. "He is dead, very much dead," he told newsmen.

Among those already executed, announced the minister, was Police Col. Fany Phonthisavet, who had seized the government's radio station during the coup attempt and announced the setting up of a so-called Laotian Revolutionary Committee to run the country.

Another ringleader, Col. Bouleuth

Sayosie, a former military attaché in Washington, D.C., hijacked an army helicopter and escaped, he reported. A total of about 10 persons from both sides died in the short-lived attempt to overthrow neutralist premier Prince Souvanna Phouma and his government.

Sisouk told newsmen the government was investigating possible "foreign involvement" in the plot, adding he intended to hold talks with the Thai government about "the harbouring of exiles."

Thao Ma led a band of about 60 right-wing dissidents across the Mekong River from Thailand before dawn Monday and about 60 others joined them in Vientiane, said Sisouk. They seized the airport, the radio station and the national bank before government troops moved in to re-assert control.

Sisouk said he had information that exiled Laotian strongman Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, who has lived in exile in Thailand, was to join the rebels at Vientiane Airport at noon.

Phoumi, in a telephone interview in Bangkok Monday, denied any involvement, saying, "I had no prior knowledge of the coup attempt."

PERSONAL MISSION

Thao Ma, 41, who fought for the French at Dien Bien Phu, personally flew a T28 on a bombing mission against the Chee Nai Mo army base on the outskirts of the capital before his plane was hit and crashed.

In Bangkok police yesterday hunted for former Laotian army colonel Bouleuth Sayosie and three confederates who escaped to Thailand by plane after the failure of the coup attempt in Vientiane. While police scoured hotels and other likely places of refuge in the city today, air force security guards maintained a guard on the plane, which touched down near the Asian Institute of Technology campus.

Police centred their search on places where Bouleuth had stayed since he came to live in Thailand following the failure of an earlier Laotian coup attempt in 1965.

Laotian embassy officials here said today they would be contacting the Thai Foreign Ministry to secure the return of the plane — a U-17 reconnaissance plane. Informal sources said the Laotian government had also sent a request through the Foreign Ministry to send the rebels back to Laos when they were captured.

Rags to riches by air freight

PERTH (AP). — Customs officials here have recovered \$77,000 worth of diamonds mistakenly sent to Australia in place of the clothes of a 15-year-old Australian girl.

The error came to light in Ireland when executives of the Shannon Diamond Company opened the case which should have contained the diamonds. Instead they found Gall Cleaver's clothes.

Apparently an airline employee mixed up the labels on the diamond case being sent from Copenhagen and the bag which Gall sent home from Europe to her mother.

Told of the error, Mrs. Cleaver said yesterday: "All that money — I'm not paying customs duty on that."

Gall has been attending a Girl Guide camp at Saseel, Sweden, and is now staying with a family near Zurich.

Arrangements are being made to fly the diamonds back to Ireland.

DELEGATION. — A Soviet Foreign Ministry delegation was to arrive in Cairo yesterday to coordinate policies with the Egyptian government concerning the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly, a government announcement said.



The crew of the raft Acali pose on Monday after arriving at the Mexican Caribbean Island of Cozumel at the end of their four-month journey from the Canary Islands. From left: Bernardo Bongo, Angola; Jose Montero, Uruguay; Eizuke Yanaki, Japan; Mary Gidley, U.S.; Servana Zanotti, France; Maria Bjornstrom, Sweden; Evangelina Seymour, U.S.; Edna Jonas, Israel; Santiago Genovese, Mexico; Rachida Masani, Algeria; and Charles Antonis, Greece.

10-nation Acali raft ends trip

COZUMEL, Mexico. — Fireworks and a crowd of 2,000 greeted the raft Acali as its five-man, six-woman international crew ended a 101-day trans-Atlantic experiment in togetherness.

One Israeli, Edna Jonas, and one Algerian, Rachida Masani, were included in the crew. A second Israeli, Dr. Dana Kochen, left the experiment two days before the raft set sail.

It was the Mexican anthropologist's third scientific sail across the Atlantic. He accompanied explorer Thor Heyerdahl on the Ra expeditions in 1969 and 1970.

Genoves assembled the Acali's crew and gave command of the 12x7 metre pontoon raft to a Swedish woman, Maria Bjornstrom. The purpose of the trip was to study the effect of an isolated, restricted environment on a group of strangers of both sexes from a variety of countries.

The only stop, after leaving the Canary Islands on May 12, was in Barbados for provisions. But the storm was on the other side of the peninsula, by the time the Acali docked, and a golden sunset lit the arrival of the raft.

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U.S. sprinter Ron Jenkins lies down on the track at Moscow's Lenin Stadium yesterday after Russian officials refused to award medals to him and his teammates in the 4 by 400 metres relay. The Soviet team, which came in first, was disqualified for fouling an American runner. A Soviet official is ordering Jenkins to leave the track. After a jury looked at films of the race, the Americans got their medal.

Rome police fail to buy reporter's kidnap story

ROME (AP). — Rome police transferred American television man Jack Begon from a hospital room to jail yesterday on a charge that his story of being kidnapped by the Mafia was a fake.

Handcuffed to a policeman, the 62-year-old employee of the American Broadcasting Company was taken from the Salvatore Mundi International Hospital to the Regina Coeli Jail. He was to be examined by a police doctor to determine if he should be put in the jail infirmary rather than a cell.

Accompanied by his wife, Begon entered the hospital on Monday after being missing for four weeks. Police questioned him for hours and then charged him with stimulating a crime and with stealing \$1,700 from ABC's Rome office.

William Sheehan, ABC's vice-president for news in New York, said Begon was an administrative employee, not a correspondent, although he had been a correspondent in the past and still did some radio reporting. Sheehan also said Begon had not been assigned to do a story on the Mafia or anything else at the time of his disappearance.

Guards were posted outside Begon's hospital room, and visitors were barred.

ABC said about \$5,000 was missing from its Rome office and told

Begon's wife to "get a good criminal lawyer." But a spokesman said the network was waiting to see what the Italian authorities did and had not filed any charges against Begon.

Mrs. Begon said the charges against her husband were "absurd."

"A man like my husband would never risk ruining himself at this stage of life over so little money," she said. "When the truth comes out, he will be vindicated."

Begon disappeared July 22, and his car was found at Rome's Fiumicino Airport. Colleagues said he had been working on a sequel to a documentary on the Mafia that he prepared last fall. He returned home Saturday, but this did not become known until he went to the hospital on Monday.

The police said he told them the Mafia kidnapped him and flew him secretly to the U.S. and back. The police said he first told them the Mafia released him after he promised not to go ahead with the programme, then he changed his story and said he escaped.

"We have proof that he stimulated his own kidnapping," Rome's chief of detectives, Domenico Scali, told newsmen. He refused to give details.

Simulating a crime is punishable by a jail term of one to three years, while embezzlement can draw as much as three years in prison.

Free coffins while you live

MANILA (AP). — People in one northern Philippine province can acquire free coffins while still alive, the daily newspaper "The Bulletin Today" reported yesterday.

The "Bulletin," reporting from Cabaatuan City, the capital of Nueva Ecija Province 100 kms. north of here, said: "Any interested party can just go to the office of Governor Eduardo Josen at the provincial capital here and an employee will give him the necessary assistance."

A would-be recipient of a coffin only has to prove he comes from an indigent family, according to Jose D. Tavior, chief of the provincial records centre. There will be no other questions asked to be entitled to such a privilege, and he gets a coffin for free in no time at all, the newspaper quoted Tavior as saying.

Governor Josen has given away 3,043 coffins valued at 121,720 pesos.

Tip on ugly duckling brings N.Y. bird home

NEW YORK (AP). — "That's our duck," said the maintenance head of the Parks Department when police brought in a 36 kg. baby swan they had found near Shea Stadium.

The bronze ugly duckling, kidnapped 10 days before from its perch alongside Central Park's statue of Hans Christian Andersen,

was recovered on Monday by police after an anonymous tip.

Apparently the thieves, who hatched the duckling from its granite base, had been frightened off by publicity, and police found the damaged statue in a paper bag atop a pile of junk in Queens.

Parks Administrator Richard Clurman said the statue will not be displayed until a way is found to make it theft-proof. It has been stolen twice before.

According to Andersen's famous tale, the ugly duckling was actually a swan hatched by a duck and scorned for his ugliness until he grew into a magnificent swan.

The duckling and the statue of Andersen were installed in 1956 through money raised by American and Danish schoolchildren to commemorate the story-teller.

Clurman said the value of the bronze in the statue was \$1,000.

Alia to resume Beirut flights

BEIRUT (AP). — Royal Jordanian Airlines (Alia) will soon resume flights between Amman and Beirut, the Jordanian news agency indicated Monday.

The agency quoted general manager Ali Chaudour as saying the date for resuming the flights would be decided in a future meeting with Lebanon. Alia suspended its twice-daily Amman-Beirut flights in June last year because it was losing \$12,000 a month after Syria had closed its airport to Jordanian commercial flights a year earlier, in protest against the expulsion of the Palestinian terrorists from Jordan.

For a year Amman-Beirut flights went via Saudi Arabia or Egypt, turning the normally one-hour flight into a four-hour one. The Syrian ban did not affect non-Jordanian flights, but Lebanon's Middle East Airlines suspended its direct Beirut-Amman flights in August last year following a series of anonymous threats to blow up its planes.

The Soviet Union's Aeroflot has remained the only airline with direct flights between Amman and Beirut.

It was not clear from the Jordanian statement whether the flights were to be resumed directly between the two Arab capitals, or would involve the roundabout route via Saudi Arabia or Egypt.

Gen. Omar Bradley improving in hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP). — General of the Army Omar Bradley continues to show improvement, after undergoing surgery to prevent blood clots from entering his lungs.

Surgeons at the University of California at Los Angeles last Thursday inserted a sleeve-like device in a major artery. Hospital officials on Monday said the 80-year-old general continued to show improvement, sitting up and taking nourishment.

Belfast crowd tries to stop bomb defusing

BELFAST (UPI). — A crowd of Catholics fought to keep British soldiers from defusing a bomb in Londonderry yesterday.

Army spokesmen said soldiers fired rubber bullets to beat back the crowd threatening troops attempting to make safe a 15.6 kg. bomb planted by three masked men in a commercial garage in a Catholic area of the city.

They said the bomb was defused, despite an anti-handling device attached to it, after the crowd was beaten back.

A renewed official inquest on the 13 deaths of Bloody Sunday, January 30, 1972, kept Londonderry tense yesterday. A six-man jury considered each of the 13 deaths separately. Robert Carswell, an attorney for the Ministry of Home Affairs, said no witnesses for the Army would appear. The 13 were killed when paratroopers opened fire on a rioting mob after a protest march.

The jury returned "open" verdicts, making no finding on the cause of death or the responsibility for it, on the first several cases it considered.

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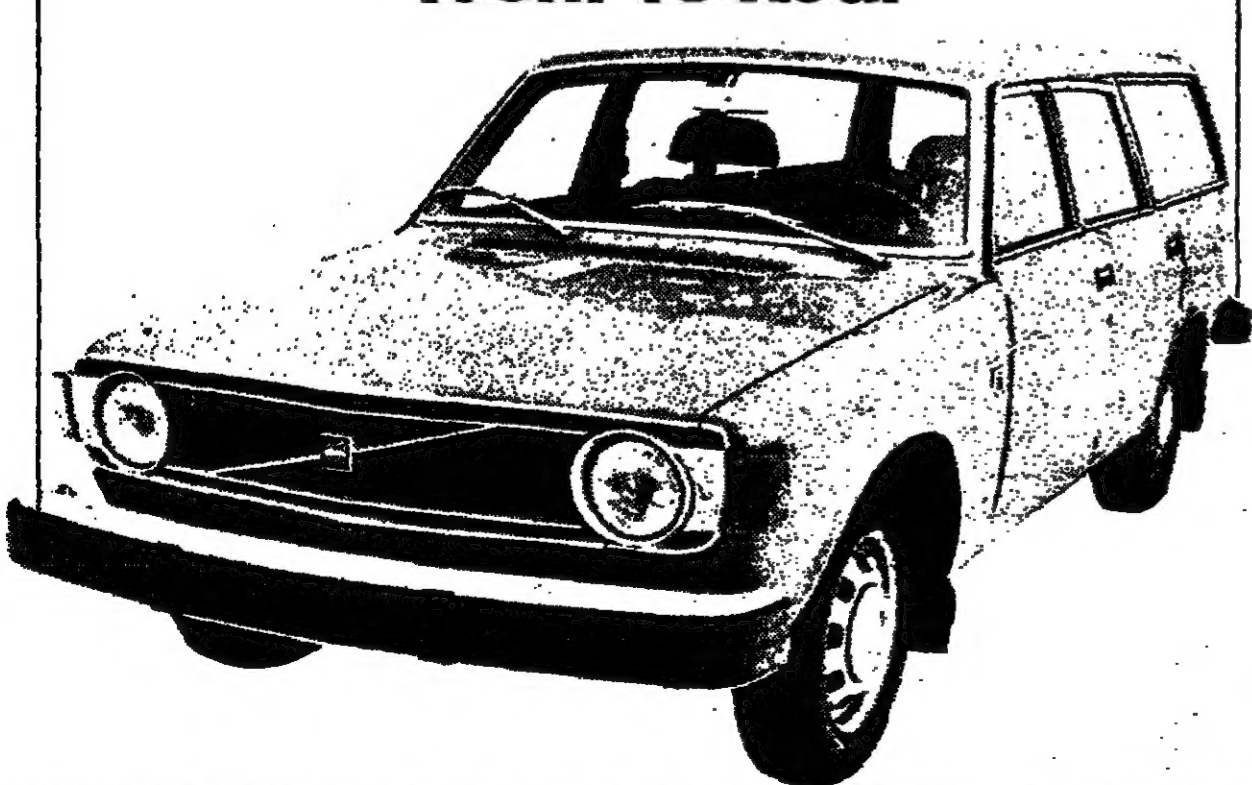
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When, in 1970, Shmuel was killed in a road accident, Shlomo, the youngest brother, undertook to continue the family's pioneering work. At this time, Shlomo had just completed 10 years' service as an engineering officer in the merchant fleet.

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The opening of the new wing doubles the hotel's capacity to 104 rooms. The restaurant has been enlarged, a luxurious lounge built, a discoteque (the only one in Arad) and a conference hall for 200 added, the gardens have been expanded, and staff residential quarters (a half-million pound investment) have been constructed.

The new wing has been built in the form of a half-circle. This makes the Hills of Eilat, the Dead Sea, and Masada visible from all rooms. The infrastructure for the new wing has provision for the future construction of a further 88 rooms.

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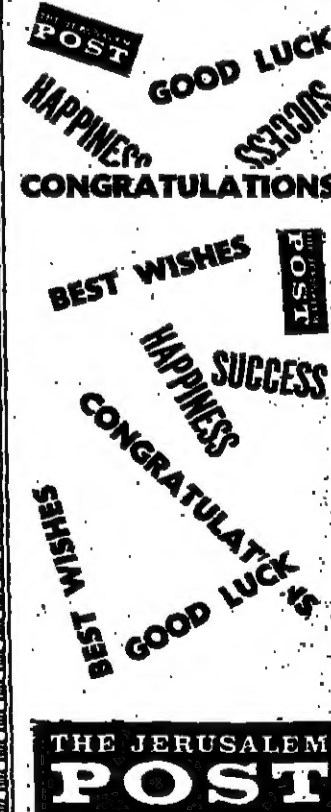
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The ancient traditions of the Mountain Jews

OVER the past 150 years, the Caucasus has been a meeting place for three Jewish communities: Ashkenazim who came in the early 19th century, the Georgian Jews and the so-called Mountain Jews. As comparatively little has been written about the Mountain Jews, a recent lecture by Dr. Mordechai Alshuler of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry (published in the booklets of the Study Circle in the Home of the President of Israel) is of especial interest.

Their origin remains obscure but they have apparently been in the region since the 8th century. In the course of time they adopted many of the characteristics of their environment including clothing (fur hats, belt with sword), food, dances, and such occupations as hunting and tending sheep. Even their Judaism was affected by the beliefs of their neighbours.

Their neighbours, for their part, did not consider them aliens but religious friction sometimes erupted. The Jews suffered severely when extreme Moslem groups rebelled against their Russian overlords and the Jewish loyalty to the Russians was not forgotten or forgiven by the Moslems.

Red Army

Reacting to local Moslem anti-Semitism and the Czarist attitude to the Jews, the Mountain Jews enthusiastically supported the Bolshevik Revolution, constituting 70 per cent of the Red Army in Daghestan. This intensified feeling against them by hostile elements, and in 1928 there was a blood libel accompanied by attacks on Jews.

Hated by the Jews was combat by the Russian authorities but during World War II Nazi propaganda penetrated the area and was strongly directed to the Moslem population. The Jews suffered during the few months German forces occupied part of the region. For their part, Mountain Jews fought bravely in the ranks of the Red Army — and two of them were decorated for being the first Russian soldiers to reach the Reichstag in Berlin.

All this did little to improve their relations with the Moslems in the Caucasus. The enmity grew and in the 1950s a newspaper article accused the Jews of using Moslem blood for ritual purposes.

The number of Mountain Jews is difficult to determine but Dr. Alshuler puts it at around 40,000. Half live in the Daghestan Republic and



Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

about a third in the Azerbaijan Republic. About a tenth are farmers growing tobacco and grapes. They are known for their wines (which for religious reasons are not produced by the Moslems). The number of Jewish farmers was higher before 1917. They suffered badly during the Civil War and the authorities later tried to help them. Owing to local animosity they were settled elsewhere. In two such villages in northern Caucasus the 320 families were all Jewish, but they were killed by the Germans in World War II. An attempt to settle Jewish farmers in Daghestan was met with hostility by the local residents who refused to supply them with water and they were transferred to the Derbent area. In 1931, there were 930 Jewish families on the land there but the number later diminished.

When the authorities were working for the production of the Jews, Jewish fishing cooperatives were established, some of which are still in existence. Other Jews were absorbed into the preserves industry. An intelligentsia began to emerge in the 1930s and it includes doctors, pharmacists and engineers. Proportionately however this group is far smaller than among Jews elsewhere in the U.S.S.R. (except Georgia). Some Mountain Jews have proved successful entertainers and have been the official Caucasian Troupe in Jewish.

Their language is a dialect of the Tat language (which belongs to the Iranian family). Quite a few Hebrew words have found their way into the speech of the Jews, most connected with religious practices (among others, *Shema* from *Hoshana* is *Shema* in *Shema* and *Hoshana* is the seventh day of *Tshabbes*). The Jews write it in the Hebrew alphabet. In the 1959 census, 83 per cent of the Jews gave this "Judeo-Tat" as their mother-tongue although many are doubtless bilingual, with Russian as their second language (especially among the younger generation). Judeo-Tat is on the downgrade, as schools using this language were

closed after World War II and there is little new secular literature.

The Judeo-Tat language, the synagogue and the longing for Zion have preserved the special nature of the Mountain Jews, writes Dr. Alshuler. The first emissaries from the Land of Israel arrived in 1870. Political Zionism met a ready response and a traditionally-garbed delegation of Mountain Jews aroused great interest at the Second Zionist Congress in 1898. Early in the 20th century Mountain Jews began to settle in Israel, some helped to found Beer Yaakov (named for Yaakov Yitzhak, the rabbi of Derbent).

Despite the participation of Mountain Jews in the early Zionist movement, the movement itself did not strike deep roots there until World War I. At that time, many Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe fled to the area, bringing Zionist consciousness. This influence progressed from the ideological to the practical, and in 1920 a letter was sent to the World Zionist Organization stating that 75 per cent of the Mountain Jews were interested in aliyah. This desire encountered varying obstacles in the succeeding decades ranging from an improvement in their own economic situation to the Soviet government's opposition to any form of Zionist activity. The longing to leave was suppressed and could only be expressed in an underground way, such as the study of modern Hebrew.

Family unit

These suppressed feelings burst forth with the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, but had to go underground again in view of the change in the official attitude towards the young state. Jewish identity was centred around the synagogue. The family unit has remained extremely important, although less so than among the Georgians, with the authority of the elders and the mutual help among all the sons having an important unifying effect, and serving as a brake on assimilatory tendencies.

Against this background Dr. Alshuler concludes that it is not hard to understand that the Six Day War and the beginning of Jewish emigration from the U.S.S.R. led to the obvious reaction. The first families have arrived in Israel. Their number is still small but this is expected to be the start of a considerable immigration, which will have to be handled with considerable tact to ensure respect for their long-standing cultural traditions.

BRIDGE

By George Levin

Success with the weak 2-bid

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There is power and deception in a weak-strong 2-bid. I have formulated and used effectively a weak 2-bid in diamonds, hearts and spades with the following requirements:

1. 8-12 high card points. This may include as much as an A, K and an A, J.
2. There may be a second suit of four cards.
3. The rule of 500 — five or six playing tricks depending on vulnerability.
4. Any six card suit is biddable. A five card suit should usually have two of the top three honours.

1. A new suit by unpassed hand forcing for one round.
2. A raise or 2 NT is encouraging, not forcing.
3. Game bid is a limit bid.

1. Show a minimum by a natural picture bid no higher than three in the original suit.
2. Show a maximum by bidding higher than three in the original suit. This too is a natural picture bid.

I used the weak-2 effectively in the recent Max Tasse Cup team of four tournament in Jerusalem. I opened with 2♣. My partner Mrs. Shouse bid 3♣. Since I had a maximum 7 showed this by bidding 3♠ and North carried this to 4♠.

West inquired about the meaning of the 2♣ bid and the raise to 3♣. He saw an opportunity for East to ruff a ♣ so he led the Ace and followed this with a small ♣ which East did ruff. The ♣A won a trick and this was followed by a low ♠. I won the ♠ with the Ace, and finally found the remaining spades split 2-2. The clubs in dummy were discarded on diamonds and the contract was made. At the replay table, our opponents, who were the winning team of the tournament, only bid a partial in spades making ten tricks. So we won the board.

BRIDGE CALENDAR
Sept. 5, Tel Aviv, Bravi Binyamin Cup Tournament for Pairs, time and place to be announced.
Sept. 12-14, Ostend Belgium, European Bridge Championships.

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Mock Liver

1 large eggplant, 1 medium chopped onion, 2½ tbsps. cooking oil, 2 eggs, 2 tbsps. powdered chicken soup, salt and pepper.

Cook the eggplant whole, with the skin, in salted water (30 to 45 minutes). Cool, remove the skin, and cut up. Fry the onion in oil for five minutes. Add eggplant and fry. Beat the eggs, powdered chicken soup, salt and pepper and pour on top. Mix all together well. Remove from heat and with a pastry cutter chop all the ingredients well. Serve on lettuce garnished with tomato, as an hors d'oeuvre.

Fake Steak

6 thick slices (2 centimetres) of unpeeled eggplant, 6 thin slices of salami, salt and pepper, 1 clove garlic, oil for frying, 1 tbsps. flour, 1 tbsps. powdered beef soup, 1 cup water.

On the side of each slice of eggplant, cut a small pocket large enough to insert a salami slice. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Put the clove of garlic into the oil and heat, then fry the eggplant slices until deep brown. To the oil add the flour, powdered soup and water, to make a gravy. Four over the fake steak. If you wish you can use cooked chopped meat instead of the sausage.

Eggplant Mushrooms

1 large eggplant, 3 tbsps. butter, 2 tbsps. powdered mushroom soup, dash of salt, 1 cup sour cream.

RECIPES

By Molly Lyons Bar-David

Peel the eggplant. Cut into balls with a melon cutter (or if you wish you can cut it into cubes). Melt the butter. Lightly fry the eggplant balls or cubes. Stir often during frying. When the eggplant is slightly golden, put it into a baking dish. Sprinkle with salt. Add the mushroom soup mixed with the sour cream. Heat in a 375°F oven for about 15 minutes.

Eggplant Fish Moussaka

8 medium eggplants, 4 tbsps. oil for frying, 2 dried onions, 1 tbsps. chopped parsley or dill, 1 tbsps. tomato puree, 1 cup water, salt and pepper to taste, ½ cup breadcrumbs, 2 separated eggs, 3 cups flaked cooked fish, 4 tbsps. margarine, 4 tbsps. flour, 2 cups milk, 1 cup grated yellow cheese.

Slice the eggplant (skin left on) and fry lightly in the oil. Drain on paper. Add the onions to the oil, brown lightly, then add the parsley or dill, tomato puree, water, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat. Add the breadcrumbs and beaten egg whites. Alternate layers of eggplant with layers of fish and of the crumb mixture, ending with eggplant on top.

Melt the margarine and add the flour, and when the mixture bubbles, pour in the milk and cook until thick, stirring often. Remove the sauce from heat and add the grated yellow cheese and then the beaten egg yolks. Pour this over the casserole and bake in a 350°F oven until the crust is golden — about 30 minutes.

Eggplant Meat Moussaka

2 medium eggplants, 1 tsp. salt, ½ kilo ground lamb or beef, 2 tbsps. water, 3 chopped onions, 2 crushed cloves of garlic, 1 tbsps. oil, 2 tbsps. flour, 4 tbsps. tomato puree mixed with ½ tbsps. of water, 1 tbsps. cornflour, 2 cups of either water or beef soup, 4 eggs.

Slice, do not peel, the eggplant. Sprinkle with the salt and put in the sun to drain the juice for an hour, then wash and dry the slices. Mix the meat with the water. In the oil, lightly fry the onions, then the garlic and chopped meat, and remove from the pan. Sprinkle the eggplant with flour and fry it. Into a greased casserole put alternate layers (beginning and ending with the eggplant) of tomato puree, onions, meat and eggplant, until casserole is filled to within 2 or 3 centimetres of the top. Bake in a 350°F oven for about three-quarters of an hour, until the meat is done. Dissolve the cornflour in the water or soup stock. Beat the eggs and add. Pour this mixture over the casserole. Return to the oven and bake until the sauce has begun to set — about 20 minutes. Serve hot.

Eggplant Creole

Salt and pepper thick slices of eggplant, dip first in beaten egg, then in fine bread crumbs and brown on both sides. Put a layer of the browned slices in a baking dish, and cover with a layer of tomato slices, sprinkle with chopped onion, salt and pepper and if you wish a dash of chili powder, and a generous scattering of grated cheese. Bake covered for 20 minutes in a 375°F oven, then uncover and bake about 10 minutes more.

Multi-million facelift for British Foreign Office

LONDON (Reuter). — After years of complaints about old-fashioned working conditions, Britain's Foreign Office is to be housed in new offices.

The Foreign Office, building in Whitehall, bastion of British diplomacy since Queen Victoria's day, is to be given a multi-million sterling facelift which will take years

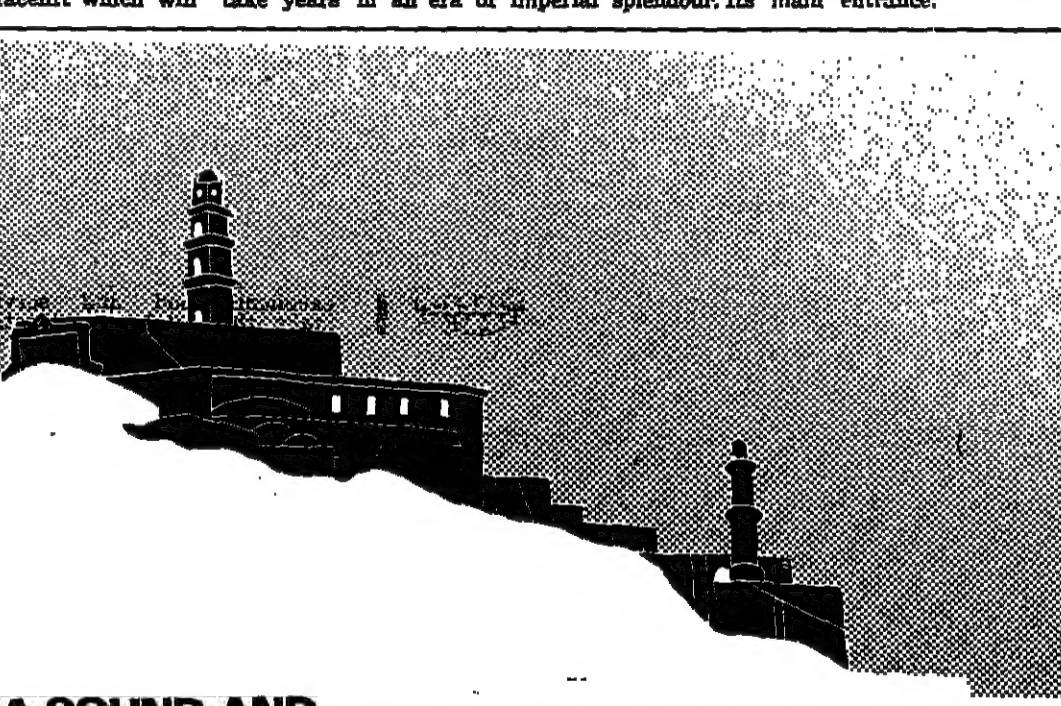
to complete. The project is described as the biggest postwar rebuilding job in Whitehall, site of government offices.

Diplomats will move into a block near Westminster Abbey until the new quarters are ready about 1977.

The present complex, situated between the tourists' mecca of Trafalgar Square and the Parliament buildings, grew up a century ago in an era of Imperial splendour, its

cavernous rooms have been partitioned into what diplomats call cardboard-box compartments. The rabbit-warren pattern has led to lamentations about inefficiency, wasted space — and hordes of mice which generations of secretaries insisted on feeding surreptitiously.

Rebuilding will leave intact a Foreign Office showpiece — the grand staircase just inside the main entrance.



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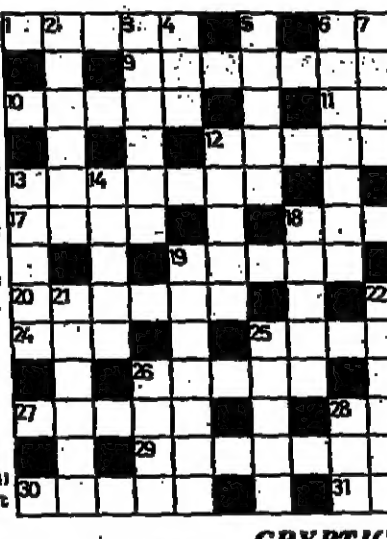


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- DOWN: 1. Power (5), 2. On me (5), 3. A word (5), 4. Mother (5), 5. Make (5), 6. Animal (5), 7. A name (5), 8. A name (5), 9. A name (5), 10. A name (5), 11. A name (5), 12. A name (5), 13. A name (5), 14. A name (5), 15. A name (5), 16. A name (5), 17. A name (5), 18. A name (5), 19. A name (5), 20. A name (5).



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- ACROSS: 1. Unpleasant character (5), 2. Opportunity for watered-down betting (5), 3. Sailor who's a "rime" (5), 4. A peculiar expression (5), 5. Keep on your feet for another round (5), 6. Soft American topical poetry (5), 7. Source of strength in boats (5), 8. Never (5), 9. So, to put the point briefly, she's fat (5), 10. Send over for being roughish (5), 11. Toit fruit (5).
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Wednesday, August 22, 8.30 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
Distinguished panel includes: Sylvia Tassit, former A.A.C.I. Regional Chairman
Helen O'Fochs, Public Relations Consultant
Moshe Dubsky, Deputy Director, British Zionist Federation

U.S. prime lending rate spreads

NEW YORK (AP). — The quarter-point increase in the prime lending rate to a record 9 1/4 per cent initiated by several major U.S. banks on Monday spread to numerous other banks yesterday.

New York's Chase Manhattan bank, third largest in the country, and such others as Harris Bank and Trust of Chicago and Detroit Bank and Trust posted the increase yesterday morning.

It thus became the 14th general 1/4 percentage point increase this year in the prime, the minimum lending fee banks charge their largest corporate customers.

The prime is technically independent of interest rates on loans to small businesses and the public. But it is widely regarded as a barometer of money market trends in general.

Interest rates have been rising sharply in recent months. Credit analysts say the upward pressure has stemmed from a series of factors, among them, strong demand for money, Federal Reserve Board steps to tighten the money supply to keep economic expansion under control, and inflation.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Government reported yesterday that consumer prices increased two-tenths of one per cent in July, the lowest monthly increase in eight months. President Nixon's 90-day price freeze, announced on June 13, apparently was responsible for the small increase. The increase in the previous month was seven-tenths of one per cent.

Otzar La-Taasiya to pay dividend

The Board of Directors of Otzar La-Taasiya Ltd. (a subsidiary of Bank Leumi) declared an interim dividend of five per cent (subject to income tax) for 1973.

The interim dividend (which was seven per cent in 1972) will be paid on the increased share capital so that the holder of one ordinary share of IL10 n.v. in 1972, who received in 1972 an interim dividend of 10 n.v. (which was one for one issue of bonus shares) for which he will now receive an interim dividend of IL10.

The interim dividend will be paid on September 19 to the ordinary shareholders on the company register on August 28.



This new 10,000-line telephone exchange will be put into service in Tel Aviv tomorrow, in the North Tel Aviv area near Dizengoff Circle. The manufacturer—Tebad Telecommunications & Electronics Industries Ltd. of Lod—says the new exchange offers four advantages: automatic identification of faulty circuits; more dependable dialling, including direct overseas dialling; better service for subscribers with push-button dialling facilities; and more dependable telephone line service for transmission of electronic processing data to and from computers. (Mula & Harnam)

TEL AVIV STOCKS

SHARES UP, TRADE MORE LIVELY

TEL AVIV. — Stock prices improved further in livelier trading and increased volume of IL135m. of which IL117m. was in the variables.

Main interest was of course in the new Poligon shares which made their debut. At the opening 64,000

shares were traded at 229 and in the variables another 72,500 at varying prices up to 239 and closing finally at 235. This trading took almost IL300,000 of the volumes worth.

The shares of the Discount group were all relatively heavily traded, and closed mostly at their best. I.D.B. bankholding was 213 (+1/4-30,000), Discount A 595 (+40-14,800), Development and Mortgage Banker 281 (+8-29,500). The new shares gained nine points and closed at 277 (26,000). Property and Building closed at 252 (+1-20,000) and Discount Investment at 255.5 (+1-11,000).

Central Trade was busy again, rising four points to 254 (54,000), so was Delek C at 198 (11,900) plus A. Real estate shares were a point better in general while industrial shares were very quiet and unchanged.

Convertible bonds, of which only 233,000 have been traded were slightly better on balance.

Dollar-linked bonds rose, mostly the five per cent Dead Sea bonds 78/37 which are convertible into shares. Others followed. Bonds dealt in dollars eased, while those linked in Swiss francs firmed. Nakad lost a point and was dealt at 4.23 with a turnover of 27,000. Cost of living linked bonds remained steady with a total of bonds over the day of 4.6m.

The general index rose by 0.28 per cent yesterday to stand at 286.18.

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Dealers blame currency chaos on lack of international action

By PAUL WILSON

LONDON (Ons). — The chaotic situation of international currency exchange rates which is affecting large numbers of businessmen and tourists all over the world is also exasperating the foreign exchange dealers. The cause of the trouble, they say, is the lack of international action on monetary reform.

"The international monetary authorities — State banks, governments, the International Monetary Fund — have lost all credibility," said one of the managing directors of one of London's leading foreign exchange dealers.

The roots of the current crisis go back to the 1930s and earlier when preoccupation with gold as an international monetary medium became a major economic issue. But more immediately they can be traced to December 1971, when sterling was first floated — allowed to find its own level against other currencies.

The idea that all currencies should change in value relative to one another and they found new points of equilibrium was very attractive to governments harassed by the necessity for continual interference in commercial money markets to support or suppress their currencies in accordance with arbitrary exchange levels. At that time 10 per cent was widely held to be the maximum likely deviation from the previously accepted parities, and it was thought that after an initial adjustment period rates would tend to change relatively slowly.

But as the rates drifted further and further away from their old levels while both governments and the IMF did nothing, foreign exchange markets lost confidence in the weak currencies — sterling and the dollar — and money poured into Deutschmark, the strongest currency. The situation became more and more chaotic until in the week preceding the recent meeting of the Group of 20 Finance Ministers in Washington the pound was devalued by two per cent, bringing the total fall in its value against other European currencies to over 19 per cent since it was floated.

London's foreign exchange dealers have become accustomed to a complete lack of action from the monthly meetings of the world's state bankers in Basel, but there were hopes that the meeting of Finance Ministers might produce concrete proposals, particularly as it convened at a time of extreme chaos. These hopes did not materialize, and the meeting produced only nebulous assurances of imminent agreement on international monetary reform.

Despite the blandness of the closing statements, there were apparently definite conciliatory moves between the opposed French and American camps, but the French tacitly acknowledge that the floating system has not worked well and require a return to fixed parities.

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while the Americans are loath to give up the privileged position of the dollar as an international reserve currency in favour of an IMF-administered monetary system.

If a compromise can be reached at the IMF meeting in Nairobi next month it could prove expensive for Britain, as each country will probably be required to support its own currency at any new parity levels.

As sterling is now firmly entrenched as a weak currency, despite the British Government's assertions that it is undervalued, support could prove a severe drain on Britain's foreign currency reserves.

But even this unpalatable prospect is preferable to the present situation, in the opinion of many London foreign exchange dealers. As one put it: "A monetary system which requires a government to increase interest rates by over 50 per cent to protect its currency after a 20 per cent devaluation is no system at all. It's chaos."

Cooperative printing press in E. Jerusalem

The first cooperative printing press has been established in East Jerusalem with the help of the local branch of the Jerusalem Labour Council.

The cooperative's 16 Arab members, all professional printers, are members of the Histadrut. It is located in Shuafat, in the north of the capital. (Him)

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Application forms and information can also be obtained from Absorption Officers at Absorption Centres and at district offices of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

ABRIDGED ACCOUNTS OF LONDON GUARANTEE AND ACCIDENT COMPANY LIMITED (LONDON)

A. ACCOUNTS OF HEAD OFFICE

ABRIDGED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.1972

	Preceding Year	Preceding Year
Capital and Reserves	£ 2,976,756	£ 2,717,808
General Insurance Fund	£ 6,257,174	£ 5,644,938
Claims Outstanding	£ 7,541,867	£ 5,931,803
Other Liabilities	£ 3,854,191	£ 3,857,018
	20,629,988	18,644,055
Investments	£ 17,980,443	£ 16,484,403
Fixed Assets	£ 13,486	£ 13,486
Other Assets	£ 2,636,059	£ 2,166,166
	20,629,988	18,644,055

PARTICULARS CONCERNING INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEAR 1972

	Preceding Year
Premiums in General Insurance	£ 11,502,853
Profit in General Insurance	£ 459,391
Profit from Investments Less Expenses	£ 566,597
Profit Before Appropriation	£ 758,954
Profit After Appropriation	£ 834,771

B. ISRAEL BUSINESS

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEAR 1972

	Preceding Year
Premiums and Registration Fees	IL 2,629,485
Profit (Loss) in General Insurance	IL 1,785,317
Profit (Loss) in General Insurance	IL 17,371
Profit from Investments Less Expenses	IL 15,464
Profit Before Appropriation	IL 32,835
Profit After Appropriation	IL 35,921

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES IN ISRAEL AS AT 31.12.1972

	Preceding Year
Liabilities in Israel	IL 521,000
Approved Investments in Israel	IL 480,000
Surplus	IL 500,000
Unapproved Investments in Israel	IL 80,000
	IL 31,000

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Tel Aviv, August 2, 1973.

'Sea freedom' end seen

By ROLAND HUNTERFORD

GENEVA. — The old idea of "freedom of the seas" is in serious danger, since the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference in Santiago de Chile last year is almost certain to establish a 200-mile zone of national jurisdiction over the economic resources of coastal waters. That much has emerged from the Seabed Committee now sitting here to do the preparatory work.

It is the developing countries who are forcing the change through. They regard the riches of the seabed and the waters along their coast as their own exclusive patrimony and one of the keys to their material advancement. Some, like Brazil, Ecuador and Peru, want territorial waters for the full 200 miles. Others, notably in Africa, would be content with jurisdiction over economic resources alone, leaving navigation relatively untouched. Against them are the traditional maritime countries to whom freedom of navigation is vital. They include Britain, most European States, both East and West, the Soviet Union and Japan.

WALL STREET

Closing Tuesday, August 21, 1973

Prices drifting lower

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock market prices drifted lower in very slow trading yesterday as investors waited on the sidelines.

Declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange had a two to one lead over advances.

Analysts attributed the continued losses to the old problems of inflation and soaring interest rates. They said investors were waiting for signs as to whether the market would plunge even farther or recover, at least for the near term.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial closed down 9.56 at 857.84, its low for the year.

The previous low occurred on

Monday, when the blue-chip indicator closed down at 867.40. Yesterday's closing was the lowest for the Dow Jones industrial since December 14, 1971, when it closed at 855.14.

Declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange beat out advances 961 to 392 in a slow trading volume of 11.48 million.

The New York Stock Exchange's broad-based index of some 1,500 common stocks closed down 0.42 at 58.77.

Norton Simon was the volume leader, down 1 1/2 at 22 1/2.

(Stock quotations were not received by press time last night.)

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Tuesday's rates

Tuesday's rates	
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Dollar	2.4775/85
DM	2.4350/80
Swiss Fr.	2.9840/80
French Fr.	4.2850/730
French Fin.	4.2850/950
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Belgian Fr.	37.15/25
Dutch Fl.	2.6730/80
Yen	265/265.20
Gold Price:	\$105/107

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